



Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Network

28th January 2025

9:30am - 12:30pm



Housekeeping at Bolton Stadium Hotel

- Toilets
- Fire exits - gather point
- Mobile telephones
- Non-smoking/vaping premises
- Photos
- Refreshments





Agenda for the morning

- LADO Lisa Kelly
 - updates on systems
 - Reflecting on the impact of unsuitable practitioners

Shona Green

Start Well – Changes to the Statutory Framework Sept 24



Bolton Local Area Designated Officer (LADO)

- Lisa Kelly



Changes to the EYFS to Strengthen Safeguarding

- [Help for early years providers : Changes to the EYFS framework](#)
- Following DfE consultation, the following changes are being made to strengthen the EYFS safeguarding requirements.
- Implemented from September 2025



The main changes to be aware of are:

- Amendments to promote safer recruitment, including:
- Child absences
- New requirements to ensure safer eating
- Safeguarding training amendments
- New requirements to support whistleblowing
- Children's privacy during nappy changing and toileting
- A small number of other minor changes to the structure and wording of the safeguarding requirements have been made to improve clarity.



Changes to promote safer recruitment

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- Requirements to obtain employment references.
- Expectations to provide employment references.
- A requirement for safeguarding policies to include procedures to help ensure that only suitable individuals are recruited.



Changes on child absences

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- Requirements for providers to follow up if a child is absent for a prolonged period of time.
- Requirements for having an attendance policy.
- Amendments to ensure providers hold additional emergency contact details.



Changes to promote safer eating

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- A new 'safer eating' section, including new requirements around allergies and anaphylaxis, introduction of solid foods and choking prevention.



Changes to safeguarding training

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- A new annex setting out minimum requirements for effective safeguarding training.
- A safeguarding training renewal period of every two years.
- A requirement for safeguarding policies to include details of how safeguarding training is delivered, including how practitioners are supported to put it into place.



Changes to paediatric first aid (PFA) training

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- Amendments to ensure that early years students and trainees are required to have PFA training in order for them to be included in ratios at the level below their level of study.



Changes to support whistleblowing

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- New whistleblowing requirements to make it clearer when and how to escalate safeguarding concerns and support practitioner confidence with regards to whistleblowing.



Changes on toileting and privacy

The EYFS safeguarding changes include:

- Amendments to ensure that children's privacy during nappy changing and toileting is considered and balanced with safeguarding considerations.



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